

TWO HOTELS WERE LOOTED BY BELLBOY

Messier Admits He Robbed Guests at the Hargrave and Hubert, and Police Believe He Is One of Gang of Thieves.

SAYS HE "WORKED" ALONE.

Two Sets of Detectives Sought Him and He Was Caught with Another Man at His Lodgings—Both Held.

With the arrest to-day of Louis Messier, eighteen years old, a bellboy in the Hotel Hargrave, at No. 112 West Seventy-second street, charged with robbing a guest of the hotel in which he was employed and also one in the Hotel Hubert, at No. 120 West Fifty-seventh street, the police believe they have captured one of a gang of hotel thieves who have been scouring the country.

John Cullen, twenty-two years old, who says he is a telephone operator, was arrested with Messier, in the latter's rooms at No. 248 West Forty-fifth street.

Jewelry to the amount of \$3,400 has been recovered by the police, they say. Messier was arraigned in the West Side Court and held in \$1,500 bail on the charge of the Hargrave Hotel robbery and \$2,500 bail on the Hotel Hubert robbery charge. Cullen was held in \$500 bail. The examination of both men will occur to-morrow.

Messier Admits Guilt. Messier told Magistrate Breen that he was guilty and said he was ready to pay the penalty. His father, the police say, is the superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, at Lafayette and Ward streets, Salem, Mass. Young Messier said that Cullen is in no way connected with the robbery, and declares that he has been operating alone.

The police, however, insist that Cullen is also implicated in the thefts and say that they will have a third man under arrest soon, who, they say, has been connected with the prisoners in the robberies of hotels over the eastern portion of the country.

A Surprised Quartet.

Detectives Price and Collins, of the Central Office, had been looking for Messier for a long time. On Jan. 20 Capt. Langan, of the Detective Bureau, received a complaint from Manager Thomas Phelan, of the Hubert Hotel, who said that two of his guests, Frederick Ely and Mrs. Edward Long, had been robbed of jewelry and trinkets valued at \$2,400. Phelan said that coincident with the disappearance of the jewelry he had missed Messier, who was then a bellboy in the hotel. The detectives finally located the bellboy in his room and yesterday secured a warrant for his arrest. Magistrate Breen, in the West Side Court.

When the detectives went to the bellboy's room, however, they found that Detective Douglas and Coleman, of the West Sixty-eighth street station, had preceded them and had arrested young Messier and his companion Cullen.

The Robbery at the Hargrave.

Detectives Douglas and Coleman had been called to the Hotel Hargrave at midnight to investigate the robbery of a guest named George H. Purser, who complained that jewelry to the value of \$500 had been taken from his room while he was at supper with his wife. Mr. Purser said that he and his wife had left their room at 6 o'clock, entering and had placed the key of the room on a hook at the end of the hall, as was customary among the guests.

When they returned, about an hour and a half later, they were startled to find that the drawers of the bureau in the room had been ransacked and all their jewelry taken.

The jewelry, the detectives say, belonging to Purser, was found in a drawer in Messier's room and in his pockets. Several pawn tickets for the articles stolen from the Hotel Hubert were also recovered.

Blushing That Was Not Needed. Detectives Price and Collins were much chagrined over the fact that they did not make the capture. The detectives had hired a room next to the one occupied by Messier and his companion, to secure evidence against them, and for the past week had listened at keyholes and walls of the room opposite until they thought they had a complete case against the young men.

Young Messier, it is said, is a graduate of a military school, and always presented good recommendations to wherever employed him.

COURT HITS HARD AT THE TAX DODGERS

Justice O'Gorman Holds that No Resident of This City Can Escape Taxation by Voting in Another State.

SPENCER ESTATE MUST PAY.

Judge Declares that Wolcott G. Lane, the Trustee, Is Not Acting in Good Faith by Voting in Connecticut.

According to a decision just handed down by Justice O'Gorman in the Supreme Court no man or trustee of an estate who is a resident of this city can escape taxation by going to another town or city of another State and causing his name to be placed on the tax lists or voting lists of that town. The decision is in the case of Spencer against the Tax Commissioners.

The suit was brought to have vacated the assessments against the estate of the late Lorillard Spencer, and also against Charles G. and William A. Spencer individually.

In his decision Justice O'Gorman says that neither of the Spencers is a resident of New York City, and that Charles G. Spencer has not had a residence in this city for many years. Mr. Spencer has in reality had no home for the past twenty years, having spent his time travelling, principally in Europe. His latest visit to this city was four years ago.

Not a Resident of New York.

Justice O'Gorman holds that according to his declarations there is no jurisdiction for holding that he is a resident of New York.

"He is not required," says Justice O'Gorman, "to establish a residence in some particular place in order to escape taxation here."

As to the trustee of the estate of Lorillard Spencer, however, Justice O'Gorman says he is a permanent resident of the city of Paris, France, having lived there for several years. Mr. Spencer has visited this country only twice in twelve years.

As to the trustee of the estate of Lorillard Spencer, however, Justice O'Gorman says that there is no doubt that he is a resident of New York and that he has control of the estate in question. Justice O'Gorman says that while Wolcott G. Lane, the trustee of the estate of Lorillard Spencer, lives with his family in this city and practices law here, he has a pretended residence at Lyme, Conn. This fact, declares the Judge, cannot affect the jurisdiction of the Tax Commissioners in the present case. With the exception of occasional visits to his mother's home there, Justice O'Gorman says that Mr. Lane stays in New York.

"These occasional visits do not establish a residence here," says Justice O'Gorman. "Causing his name to be placed upon the voting list and tax list of the town of Lyme and his expressed intention to vote there are but declarations which are opposed and overcome by his conduct and habits of life."

Not Acting in Good Faith.

Justice O'Gorman further holds that while Mr. Lane has removed securities to the State of New Jersey, he is still under his control. Commenting upon Mr. Lane's conduct, the Justice says that in good faith.

After reviewing the facts, Justice O'Gorman holds that the individual as claimed by the estate assessment is cancelled and that the estate assessment against Wolcott G. Lane, as trustee under the will of Lorillard Spencer, is sustained.

STOLE DEAD-WAGON HORSE.

Root Found His Job as Helper to Morgue Driver Too Slow.

The police of the city are looking to-day for John Root, a young man who was formerly helper to the driver of the city's dead-wagon at the Harlem Morgue.

Root, who got a small stipend for his services and had sleeping quarters in Harlem Hospital, where the Morgue is situated, took one of the horses used to haul the dead-wagon, and after selling it to a second-hand furniture dealer for \$50, disappeared.

One of the horse took place last Friday when Root was told to take him to a blacksmith. Root started away with the horse in the afternoon. He didn't get back at night. A search was made for the horse Friday night, and a more careful one on Saturday. No trace of horse or man was found. Finally, this morning, the police found the horse at the establishment of a second-hand furniture dealer on East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, near Third Avenue, named Lasher. They are still looking for Root.

Marconi's Co-Worker Married.

TURIN, Italy, Feb. 23.—Naval Lieut. Solari, a collaborator of Signor Marconi in his wireless telegraph work, was married here this afternoon to Baroness Ida di Rubini.

The Market's Best. In regard to the news of the Pennsylvania Railroad, the market was best. The stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad was at 100, and the stock of the Erie Railroad was at 100.

FIVE OF THE STUDENTS AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY WHO HAVE DIED IN TYPHOID FEVER EPIDEMIC.



HARRY C. FRANCIS.



WILLIAM ELLIOTT MAHER.



CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH SPENCER.



JAMES C. VINTON.



CHARLES J. SCHLENKER.

SULTAN AGREES TO THE REFORMS

Macedonians Get Relief in the Terms Insisted Upon by the Powers, and Peace Is Assured in the Balkans.

THE MOSLEMS LOSE POWER.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 23.—Tewfik Pasha, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, notified the Austro-Hungarian and Russian Ambassadors this afternoon that the Sultan had agreed to adopt the scheme for reforms in Macedonia.

This insures peace in the Balkans and relief from obnoxious Turkish rule to which the Macedonians have been subjected.

The reforms demanded by the Powers recommended that in addition to the appointment of an Inspector-General of Gendarmerie for three years, with ample powers to act independently and to reorganize troops in case of emergency, and the reorganization of the gendarmerie and police under European instructors, that Christians be admitted into the gendarmerie in numbers proportionate to the population, without being required to read and write the Turkish language.

Amnesty was also demanded for all persons who have been arrested for political offenses.

The scheme for administration and financial reforms in Macedonia, as proposed by the powers in the note, besides planning a more equitable collection of taxes, provides that local expenses shall be a first charge on the revenues of each vilayet. In the event of there being a surplus this may be sent to Constantinople. Measures were also demanded for compelling the Albanians to respect these laws.

The appointment or recall of the Inspector-General in charge of the gendarmerie is given to the powers. This virtually detaching him from the direct control of the authorities in Constantinople.

OHIO RIVER LIKE A SEA.

Swollen by Floods and Steamboats Cannot Land.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 23.—Floods from tributary streams have converted the Ohio River into a sea. In some places between here and Paducah, Ky., the river is fifteen miles wide. Thousands of acres of wheat are under water. On the Indiana side, opposite Owensboro, Ky., the land is covered for a distance of seven miles.

Steamboats cannot land at many points along the river.

Spanish War Veterans Elect.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Feb. 23.—Col. Paul K. Hawkins, of Springfield, was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans at the national encampment here to-day.

From Bialto to Alcoholic Ward.

John Kernell, forty-four years old, described himself as an actor, living at the Rosemore Hotel, went to Bellevue Hospital yesterday and asked to be treated. Dr. McDonald assigned him to the alcoholic ward.

Home, Office, Club on the Rail.

The Pennsylvania Limited offers all the best of accommodations for a night's stay. The train leaves New York at 10:15 p.m. and arrives at Philadelphia at 1:15 a.m.

CONGRESS KILLS SHIP SUBSIDY BILL

Senator Hanna Defeated in Attempt to Get House Committee to Act Favorably on His Pet Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries to-day voted not to report the Ship Subsidy bill to the House, the vote being 10 to 6. Those voting to report it were Congressmen Grosvenor (Ohio), Young (Pennsylvania), Green (Massachusetts), Fordney (Michigan), Wachtler (Maryland), Littlefield (Maine). Those voting against it were Representatives Hopkins (Illinois), Minor (Wisconsin), Stevens (Minnesota), Jones (Washington), Republicans, and Spight (Mississippi), Small (South Carolina), Davis (Florida), McDermott (New Jersey), Belmont (New York) and Snook (Ohio), Democrats.

Congressman Vreeland, of New York, was not present.

This action of the House Committee kills the bill for all time.

Senators Hanna and Frye made strenuous efforts with the committee to secure a favorable report but failed.

SMOOT NOT YET IN THE SENATE.

His Credentials Presented, but Ordered Filed with Protest Against His Admittance.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—While brief patriotic ceremonies were being held in the Senate to-day prior to the opening of business, Senator-elect Reed Smoot, of Utah, entered the Chamber and took a seat beside Senator Kearns, also from Utah.

When the routine work was begun, Senator Smoot, which were read, Senator Burrows of Michigan stated that a protest had been filed against Smoot's admission, and the credentials were ordered filed with the protest.

HA! HERE'S A MYSTERY!

Police Look for the Body of a Man—Can't Find It.

The police of the West Forty-seventh street station thought they had another murder mystery this afternoon. A telephone message was received by Sgt. Northrup, who immediately detailed detectives on the case. The message said that a body of a man had been thrown on a scow at the foot of West Forty-seventh street.

The police, who investigated, found that dredging work is being done at this point. The body was found by the dredge and thrown into the snow. They searched the refuse, but could find nothing resembling a man's body.

KILLED BY FALL FROM "L."

A Spark from Engine Hit Lynch in the Eye and Caused Him to Drop.

While making repairs upon the Manhattan "L" structure Michael Lynch, of Sixty-fifth street and Third Avenue, lost his foothold early this afternoon. He fell to the street and was instantly killed.

Lynch was working at Eighty-fifth street and Columbus Avenue. A spark from a passing locomotive which struck him in the face caused him to lose his balance.

The handle of a hammer to which he was holding entered his eye and reached his brain.

RUNAWAY SCARES B'WAY CROWD.

Horses Dash Around Thirty-Fourth Street Corner, Causing a Panic Among Hundreds of Women Out for Holiday.

ONE MAN IS BADLY HURT.

A runaway team drawing a wagon of the Imperial Laundry created great excitement during the busiest hour of the afternoon at Thirty-fourth street and Broadway.

Hundreds of women were thrown into a panic, and one man, James A. Johnson, of No. 179 Oakland street, Brooklyn, was severely injured.

Johnson was struck by the horses and trampled under foot. He was picked up bleeding and unconscious and sent to the New York Hospital, where it was said that a shoulder blade was broken and stuck to his seat endeavoring to control the team. He was thrown by the sudden stop, but escaped with a few bruises.

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FEVER SCOURGE SPREADS; ITHACA IN GREAT PANIC

New Cases of Typhoid Are Reported Every Day, Fourteen Cornell Students Have Died, and More than Half of the 2,900 Have Fled and Others Are Leaving.

University Authorities Fix the Blame for the Sweeping Epidemic on the City Water Supply, Their Experts Reporting that It Is Saturated with Death-Dealing Impurities.

Fourteen students at Cornell University have already fallen victims to the typhoid plague at Ithaca.

Fifty-four others are in various stages of the disease, and other deaths are expected daily.

A total of nearly one hundred have been stricken up to the present time, including those who have been discharged as cured, and others who are convalescent.

Sixteen of the townspeople have died of the fever and the death rate is increasing at an appalling rate.

Five hundred others are stricken down, and among these there are certain to be many deaths.

(Special to The Evening World.)

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 23.—The death roll among the students of Cornell University from the scourge of typhoid fever has already reached alarming proportions, and there are to-day no less than fifty-four cases the outcome of which is uncertain. Fourteen student deaths have been recorded within sixteen days, three of these occurring in twelve hours.

Three more deaths were recorded yesterday. They were F. E. Swartz, who succumbed to the malady here; George Hill, who made the fatal thirteenth in the list by passing away at his home at Gouverneur, N. Y., and William J. Reinhart, who died at the home in Paterson, N. J.

Up to the present only one young woman student, Miss Charlotte E. Spencer, has fallen a victim to the fever plague.

Despite the fact that the university authorities are inclined to the belief that the crisis is past, there is no denying the fact that the situation at this famous seat of learning is appalling. Every day brings forth its dread list of new cases, and the physicians of Ithaca are toiling night and day in their efforts to bring relief to the suffering.

Confining as this fever pestilence is to so small an area and so limited a population, it is nearly as sweeping in its destruction of life as the "Black Plague" of India. The fearful swath that has been cut in the student ranks has led to a panic of fear at the university. Already more than half of the 2,900 students have fled from the pest-ridden place.

THE EXODUS CONTINUES.

Nor is there the least evidence that the exodus will come to an end while each day brings its frightful record of new cases. Every outgoing train for the last week has been crowded with panic-stricken students. On one day three deaths occurred in their ranks. In twenty-four hours no less than eight hundred students had fled to their homes.

It was on Jan. 26 that the university officials first observed the presence of typhoid fever in the infirmary. Due regard was paid to it, but no one knew what the morrow had in store. When it dawned, cloaked in a garment of warning, it was too late. The scourge had a foothold. With each day the number of cases increased at the university until the crisis came in a cycle of three days.

Eight students were stricken on the first, ten on the second and eleven on the third. Then it was that a pall fell on the university and panic struck the hearts of every one in the institution.

DEATH ABROAD IN THE TOWN.

While this was transpiring on the "hill" conditions were no less serious in the town, where up to to-day the death record stands at sixteen. Students were falling on every side in their lodgings and Ithacans filled the City Hospital.

Where it would stop people were afraid to ask. Friends would meet in the streets one day to speak of the passing of some one who had been with them only a few hours before, and the next day they themselves would be laid low.

By this time Cornell had announced its plan of action, and the rest of the community, thoroughly aroused to the awful danger that confronted it, took steps to stay the spread of the fever and care for the stricken ones. A fund was opened for the City Hospital and already \$1,500 has been subscribed. A physicians' fund, opened three days ago for the purpose of providing medical aid for those too poor to procure it, has \$500 in it.

REALIZED THEIR PERIL.

The university authorities have fully realized the peril of the situation and have taken the most radical steps within their power to check the epidemic.

RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Fourth Race—Major Mansir 1, Hayward Hunter 2, Ernie 3.